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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

At the outset, Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for her assistance in the submission of this Response.

Responsive to the action mailed December 22, 2000, Applicants elect the invention of Group II drawn to the embodiment of SEQ ID NO:3, including claims 1-4, 9-16, 28, and 29; and newly filed claim 43. This election is made without traverse.

In addition to the election, please amend the claims as follows.

In the claims:

Please replace elected claims 1-4, 9-14, 16, 28-29 with the following rewritten claims:

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